

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Do you have any kind of health care coverage?

- Fifteen percent and 17% of Montana adults reported they were uninsured in 1997 and 1998, respectively.
- The percentage of uninsured adults has remained relatively constant since 1991.
- Significant differences in uninsured status were associated with age class, education, and household income level. The percentage of uninsured adults decreased with increasing age, with only 1% of adults 65 and older being uninsured (due to Medicare coverage). Significantly fewer adults with a college degree were uninsured compared to adults at lower education levels. The percentage uninsured decreased significantly with increasing income, with only 5% of adults with annual household incomes of \$50,000 or more being uninsured.

How long has it been since you visited a doctor for a routine checkup?

- In 1997 and 1998, 65% and 64% of Montana adults reported they had had a routine checkup in the past 12 months, respectively. The percent of adults reporting they had a checkup in the past year has been relatively stable since 1990.
- Significantly more females (73%) had a checkup in the past year than did males (55%).
- Significantly more adults aged 65 and older (80%) had a checkup in the past year than did adults in younger age classes.

How long since you last visited a dentist?

- In 1997, 67% of Montana adults reported that they had visited a dentist in the past 12 months.
- The percentage of adults who visited a dentist in the past year increased with increasing education and annual household income levels.

Did you need to see a doctor in the past year, but could not because of the cost?

- 13% of Montana adults reported in 1997 and 1998 that they could not afford a doctor in the past year.
- Significantly more females (16%) than males (10%) responded that they could not afford a doctor in the past year.
- Significantly higher percentages of adults under 65, adults with less than a college degree, adults with annual household incomes less than \$20,000, and non-whites reported that they could not afford a doctor in the past year.

Healthy People 2000 Objective:

13.14 Increase to at least 70 percent the proportion of people aged 35 and older using the oral health care system each year.

Table 4. Health Care Access, Montana Adults, 1997 and 1998 (with 95% confidence intervals).

	No health insurance				Had routine checkup in past year				Visited dentist in past year				Couldn't afford doctor in past year			
	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)
All Adults:																
1997	1800	271	15	(2)	1777	1167	65	(3)	1777	1202	67	(2)	1082	244	13	(2)
1998	1794	283	17	(2)	1781	1158	64	(3)					1803	241	13	(2)
Combined	3594	554	16	(1)	3558	2325	64	(2)					3605	485	13	(1)
Sex:																
Male	1538	251	17	(2)	1527	844	55	(3)	746	492	66	(4)	1546	155	10	(2)
Female	2056	303	15	(2)	2031	1481	73	(2)	1031	710	68	(3)	2059	330	16	(2)
Age:																
18 - 29	599	162	26	(4)	599	382	63	(4)	292	184	63	(7)	608	106	16	(3)
30 - 44	1124	217	20	(3)	1113	601	53	(3)	572	420	71	(4)	1126	192	16	(2)
45 - 64	1089	170	15	(2)	1077	723	66	(3)	535	372	69	(4)	1089	148	13	(2)
65+	777	5	1	(1)	765	617	80	(3)	376	225	61	(5)	771	39	5	(2)
Education:																
<High School	357	66	19	(5)	351	234	65	(6)	174	84	50	(8)	359	69	19	(5)
High School	1168	222	20	(2)	1164	751	63	(3)	569	369	64	(4)	1176	175	14	(2)
Some College	1091	179	17	(3)	1075	708	65	(3)	535	376	70	(4)	935	157	14	(2)
College Degree	973	87	9	(2)	963	629	64	(3)	495	371	74	(4)	973	84	8	(2)
Income:																
<\$10,000	174	65	38	(8)	174	104	58	(8)	92	52	54	(11)	175	51	30	(8)
\$10,000 - \$19,999	562	160	31	(4)	555	333	59	(5)	271	151	53	(7)	563	146	26	(4)
\$20,000 - \$34,999	983	157	17	(3)	971	611	61	(3)	516	354	67	(4)	984	144	15	(2)
\$35,000 - \$49,999	561	47	9	(2)	557	357	63	(4)	298	226	74	(5)	561	49	10	(3)
\$50,000+	505	28	5	(2)	500	338	66	(4)	237	189	79	(6)	505	19	3	(1)
Race:																
White, non-Hispanic	3346	506	16	(1)	3314	2162	64	(2)	1654	1126	68	(3)	3356	432	13	(1)
Non-white or Hispanic	237	45	19	(5)	234	160	69	(7)	116	73	60	(11)	238	51	21	(6)

When data from 1997 and 1998 were available, 2 years of data were combined for subpopulation estimates.

Figure 2. Health Care Access, Montana Adults, 1990-1998.

